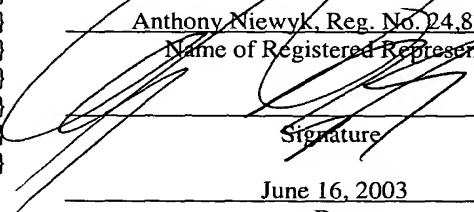


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Responsive to the Office Action dated February 14, 2003, which had a period for response which expired on May 14, 2003, which period has been extended to expire on June 14, 2003 by the enclosed Petition For Extension Of Time, Applicant hereby submits the following amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.